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- Pursuant to 37 CFR \$1.97 and \$1.98, and in compliance with CFR \$1.56, the Office's attention is directed to the patents, pending applications, publications and other information listed on the attached PTO-1449. A copy of each listed document is enclosed. Applicant(s) make no admission that the enclosed documents are prior art to the present invention.
- 2. Regarding each listed document that is not in the English language, an English-language translation accompanies this Statement as indicated on the attached PTO-1449 or a corresponding U.S. Patent is enclosed or a concise explanation of the relevance of the document is set forth on an attached sheet, or a copy of an English-language search report is attached.

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  - (1) Below is a Concise Statement of Relevance of enclosed non-English language document(s).

## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

U.S. Patent 5,351,988

U.S. Patent 6,120,058

U.S. Patent 5,669,631

U.S. Patent 6,295,935

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